

MINUTES

City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board BALBOA PARK COMMITTEE January 7, 2016

Meeting Location:

Balboa Park Club
2150 Pan American Road
San Diego, CA 92101

Mailing Address:

Balboa Park Administration Building
2125 Park Boulevard
San Diego, CA 92101-4792

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present

Amy Bernal
Kenneth Davenport – Vice Chair
David Kinney – Chair
Luanne Kanzawa
Don Liddell
Dang Nguyen
Johanna S. Schiavoni
Rob Steppke

Members Absent

Andrew Kahng
Micah Parzen

Staff Present

Susan Lowery-Mendoza, Balboa Park
Casey Smith, Balboa Park

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Kinney called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 5, 2015

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED MR. STEPPKE/MS. KANZAWA

A motion was made by Mr. Steppke and seconded by Ms. Kanzawa to approve the November 5, 2015 meeting minutes. The motion was unanimous.

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES – None

NON AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mr. Thomas Herrera-Mishler, CEO of the Balboa Park Conservancy, stated the following:
 - Conservancy is excited about upcoming improvements to Nate's Point Dog Park.
 - Restoration of the Botanical Building is in the design and planning stage.
- Ms. Daniele Laman, liaison for the House of Pacific Relations (HPR), reported the following:
 - The cottages continue to have homeless issues and problems with drainage.
 - New cottages are scheduled for a spring ground breaking.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Chairperson Kinney reported the following:
 - He dedicated the meeting in honor of Committee Member David Strickland, who passed away in November 2015.

STAFF REPORT

City Council Third District, Council Representative Stephen Hill

- Councilmember Gloria had some significant policy victories towards the end of 2015 including the adoption of the City's Climate Action Plan, which seeks to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions by 50% over the next 20 years.
- With the initiation by Councilmember Gloria, Council approved additional support for small businesses by expanding the store front improvement project.
- This year will be Councilmember Gloria's last year as a City Council Member. He will continue to be Chair of the Budget and Government Efficiency Committee. The Budget Committee will kick off the FY 2017 budget process on January 27, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in City Hall.
- Councilmember Gloria's policy initiatives include, working on a development for a water rate assistance fund for low income San Diegans and also a program to require energy efficiency benchmarking for commercial buildings.

Susan Lowery-Mendoza, District Manager, Balboa Park Facilities and Special Events

- December Nights was a huge success and attracted over 335,000 attendees over the two-day event.
- The elevator modernization project at Casa del Prado has been completed.
- The two elevators at the Old Globe are in the design phase.
- There are future plans to upgrade the elevators at the Museum of Art and Air and Space Museum.
- Heavy rain caused damage in the basement at the Air and Space Museum.

Casey Smith, District Manager, Balboa Park Operations

- The Park Boulevard adopt-a-plot program was completed in mid-December.
- Medians have held up well to the rain storms and irrigation in Balboa Park has been shut off due to the rains.

CULTURAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM UPDATES

Ms. Kanzawa reported the following:

- The Explorer Pass program is in its third year and the Explorer kiosks are operating in all the museums and the visitor center.
- The Partnership is hosting the third annual Trustee Celebration on February 29, 2016 at the Japanese Friendship Garden. Board members from all BPCP institutions were invited.

Balboa Park Sustainability Program and Learning Institute

Ms. Kanzawa stated the following:

- The prestigious Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) silver certification was awarded to the Federal Building, Old Globe Theatre and Kudos to Reuben H. Fleet for its recertification.
- The Learning Institute is developing the Balboa Park Guest Experience Training for all Park employees and volunteers.

ACTION ITEMS

Consent - None

Adoption – None

Special Events

301. House of Pacific Relations (HPR) – 2016 Ethnic Food Fair. Presenters: Ms. Eugenie King, President, House of Pacific Relations

Ms. King is requesting a waiver to the Summer Moratorium to use the Pan American Lawn, International Lawn and House of Pacific Relations Lawn on Sunday, May 29, 2016 from 11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Committee Comments/Questions:

Chairperson Kinney asked Ms. Lowery-Mendoza if they had met with any challenges last year. Ms. Lowery-Mendoza responded there we no challenges.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED MS. KANZAWA/MS. BERNAL

A motion was made by Ms. Kanzawa and seconded by Ms. Bernal to recommend granting approval to the HPR for a special permit waiver to the Summer Moratorium. Motion was unanimously approved (7-0-1) with Chairperson Kinney abstaining.

302. San Diego Zoo Centennial Celebration. Presenters: Mr. Tim Mulligan, Chief Human Resources Officer and Mr. Mark Howell, President and Executive Producer at Mark Joseph Creative

Mr. Mulligan stated he was given the task of overseeing the San Diego Zoo's Centennial Celebration. This free public event is planned for Saturday, May 14, 2016 from 6:00 P.M. – 11:00 P.M., utilizing the Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Plaza de Panama and El Prado. Mr. Howell further added that El Prado and Pan American Road would close at 3:00 P.M. on May 14, 2016 until 2:00 A.M. on May 15, 2016.

Committee Comments/Questions:

Chairperson Kinney asked Ms. Kanzawa whether the Cultural Partnership was comfortable with the closure of El Prado at 3:00 P.M. Ms. Kanzawa replied that they worked it out and are in support of this event.

Ms. Bernal asked how the event will be promoted. Mr. Howell replied that the event is being promoted on his website and the planners will be working closely with social media clubs and MTS.

Food trucks will arrive close to 3:00 P.M.

How much time is allotted for breakdown on Sunday? Mr. Howell responded that final breakdown will occur on Sunday by 10:00 A.M. on May 29, 2016.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED MS. BERNAL/MR. NGUYEN

A motion was made by Ms. Bernal and seconded by Mr. Nguyen to approve the recommendation of this one-time event as presented. Motion was unanimously approved (7-0-1) with Chairperson Kinney abstaining.

303. 2016 Amgen Tour of California. Presenter: Mr. Erick Smith, A.S.O.'s US Technical Director

Mr. Smith reported that the eleventh annual Amgen Tour is a professional bike race modeled after the Tour de France, with the exception that the California race will only cover eight days. The race is scheduled for Sunday, May 15, 2016, and will start at approximately at Ski Beach Park in Mission Bay and impact the park around 11:40 A.M. The event will be broadcasted live on NBC to 200 countries around the world.

Committee Comments/Questions:

Chairperson Kinney asked Ms. Kanzawa to address the road closures for the event on Sunday. Ms. Kanzawa replied that there were no concerns brought up by the Cultural Partnership.

Ms. Bernal inquired about spectators. Mr. Smith responded that the spectators that come to support the riders, will position themselves at the start and finish lines.

Chairperson Kinney inquired about traffic control. Mr. Smith replied that the traffic will be managed by the California Highway Patrol and the event organizers will provide friendly traffic control staff as well.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED MR. NGUYEN/MR. DAVENPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Nguyen and seconded by Mr. Davenport to approve the recommendation for this one-time event. Motion was unanimously approved (7-0-1) with Chairperson Kinney abstaining.

304. San Diego Museum of Art's Culture and Cocktails Event. Presenter: Mr. Dieter Fenkart-Froeschl, Chief Operating Officer

Mr. Fenkart-Froeschl requested permission to use the north sidewalk area in front of the Museum for the Culture and Cocktails event to celebrate newly installed sculptures, "Art of the Open Air" on February 18, 2016 from 6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

Committee Comments/Questions:

Chairperson Kinney asked Mr. Fenkart-Froeschl whether he intended to use only the sidewalk area or the entire Plaza de Panama. Mr. Fenkart-Froeschl responded that they will only be using the sidewalk area.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED MS. SCHIAVONI /MS. KANZAWA

A motion was made by Ms. Schiavoni and seconded by Ms. Kanzawa to approve this one-time event using the north sidewalk area in front of the San Diego Museum. Motion was unanimously approved (7-0-1) with Chairperson Kinney abstaining.

WORKSHOP ITEMS – None

INFORMATION ITEMS – None

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

601. Land-Use and Policy – None

602. West Mesa Subcommittee – None

COMMITTEE MEMBER'S REPORTS – None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Thursday, February 4, 2016
6:00 P.M.
Balboa Park Club
2150 Pan American Road West
San Diego, CA 92101

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lowery-Mendoza
District Manager